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SUBJ: INTEREST IN "ROOTS" REACHES PEKING

1. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY SUNDAY FEATURE PAGE ON MAY 15 FOR THE FIRST TIME CARRIES A NEW DEPARTMENT CALLED "WINDON ON FOREIGN BOOKS." THE FIRST BOOK REVIEWED IS "ROOTS."

2. AFTER PROVIDING A BRIEF RESUME OF THE BOOK THE PD REVIEWER FINDS SEVERAL BASIC SHORTCOMINGS IN "ROOTS." AUTHOR HALEY'S ANCESTORS WERE LARGELY DOMESTICS AND THE BOOK IN CHRONICLING THEIR HISTORY THUS IGNORES THE MORE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE MAJORITY OF SLAVES WHO WERE FIELD HANDS. THE BOOK ALSO DOES NOT GIVE SUFFICIENT EMPHASIS TO BLACK EFFORTS TO SECURE THEIR OWN FREEDOM AND THEREFORE DOES NOT REALLY EXPLAIN THE ORIGINS OF THE PRESENT AMERICAN RACIAL SITUATION. THE REVIEW ENDS WITH A LONG QUOTE FROM "THE REVOLUTIONARY MONTHLY" (AN AMERICAN PERIODICAL), ACCORDING TO THE PEOPLES DAILY WHICH STATES THAT RACIAL PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE SOLVED UNTIL A NEW MARXIST-LENINIST SOCIETY IS CREATED.
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